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NOTE VERBALE DATED 21 SEPTEMBER 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993) of 31 March 1993, has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 16 and 19 September 1993, there appear to have been eight flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 848.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(16-19 September 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
863	16 Sept.	1140	1156	NATO fighters made radar contact with an aircraft flying 24 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. Visual contact was made a few minutes later with a white helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross markings. The helicopter ignored a warning from the fighters and flew to Zenica where it landed. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow Low
864	16 Sept.	1149	1150	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with two wide blue stripes and red cross markings flying over Fojnica, 24 kilometres south of Zenica. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Slow Very low
865	17 Sept.	0805	1315	United Nations military observers observed an MI-8 helicopter landing and departing twice from Zvornik, 25 kilometres south-east of Tuzla. The flight began as an approved medical evacuation from Pale to Zvornik and return. The flight was assessed as a violation because it departed Zvornik without returning to Pale, as approved, and also made a second unauthorized flight into and out of Zvornik five hours later. This second flight into Zvornik did not carry any injured passengers. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	South Low Slow
866	17 Sept.	1245	1246	United Nations military observers observed a dark green or camouflaged MI-8 helicopter flying near Jablanica. The helicopter appeared to be landing. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Very low
867	18 Sept.	0847	0854	AWACs made radar contact with an aircraft 32 kilometres south of Sarajevo. NATO fighters were sent to investigate and found two white helicopters on the ground 18 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo. The fighters were unable to monitor ground activity due to operational reasons. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west Slow Low

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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
868	18 Sept.	1040	1041	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter 5 kilometres west of Fojnica, 24 kilometres south of Zenica. The helicopter was descending very slowly, in the vicinity of a helipad, towards a valley. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east Very slow 1,000 ft.
869	18 Sept.	1609	1610	United Nations military observers observed a green helicopter with Serbian markings 50 kilometres north of Banja Luka, on the northern border of the no-fly-zone. The helicopter flew into the no-fly-zone. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	South-west Unknown Very low
870	19 Sept.	0827	0858	An UNPROFOR team observed an armed green coloured helicopter, type unknown, landing 50 kilometres north of Banja Luka at Bos Gradiska. This position is on the border of the no-fly-zone. The helicopter then flew east into the no-fly-zone. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	East Unknown Low